

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 57th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON LONG RANGE PLANNING

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN MATT MCCANN**, on January 31, 2001 at 8:00 A.M., in Room 350 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Matt McCann, Chairman (D)
Rep. Dave Kasten (R)
Sen. Jon Tester (D)
Rep. Steve Vick (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Bob Keenan, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Tom A. Beck (R)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Jane Hamman, OBPP
Andrea Hyatt, Committee Secretary
Brian McCullough, Legislative Branch

Please Note: These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: HB 16, 1/27/2001
Executive Action:

CHAIRMAN MCCANN opened the hearing for HB 16.

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. ROGER SOMERVILLE, HD 78, introduced his bill to the committee and that it is also in front of the House Tax Committee, they have not taken executive action as of today. He proceeded to explain the \$40 million loan would be from the coal trust fund and the payback plan.

Proponents' Testimony:

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Arnie Olsen, Director, Montana Historical Society, provided the committee with a folder consisting of pamphlets, maps, and fact sheets on their various projects. **EXHIBIT(jlh25a01)** He discussed the importance of heritage tourism in Montana and its contributions to the economy. A copy of his testimony was also provided. **EXHIBIT(jlh25a02)**

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SEN. BILL TASH, SD 17, spoke in favor of funding. He discussed the importance of preserving history.

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Jane McCall, representing the City of Billings, discussed the Moss Mansion and its funding.

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Jeff Tiberi, Executive Director, Montana Heritage Commission, provided a copy of his testimony. **EXHIBIT(jlh25a03)** He also gave a power point presentation. The presentation included pictures of the various artifacts found in Virginia City and Nevada City. A handout entitled "Alder Gulch: A Tale of Two Cities" was provided. The handout provides details of resources, revenues, accomplishments and future goals. **EXHIBIT(jlh25a04)** Last year 70,000 visitors came to these sites. The commission's purpose is to protect the buildings, protect the artifacts and make money.

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JEFF TIBERI CONTINUED HIS TESTIMONY

He reviewed the costs of the various projects. He discussed the future with the support of the state and without the support of the state.

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Clint Blackwood, Executive Director, Montana Lewis & Clark Bicentennial Commission, gave an overview of the bicentennial and the Lewis & Clark Trail. The bicentennial begins January 18, 2003 in Monticello, Virginia; then it will travel to St. Louis and to the Mandan Villages of North Dakota in 2004; then to Montana in 2005; in 2006 it will come back to the St. Louis area. This commission was created by the 1997 legislature as a state agency attached to the Montana Historical Society; it will sunset on December 31, 2007. Its main function and mission is to be a leader, coordinator and communication leader; both in-state &

intra-state. It consists of twelve commissioners: nine are appointed by the Governor and three are state agencies. He provided a map outlining the Lewis & Clark trail here in Montana; on the reverse is a "Summary of Proposed Project Financial Needs". **EXHIBIT(jlh25a05)** He discussed the various projects that are starting-up throughout the state at the community and tribal level. He discussed funding from various sources. Discussion followed. **CHAIRMAN MCCANN** questioned which communities would receive funding. **Clint Blackwood** responded that it would go to communities that have some tie to the Lewis & Clark Trail; that it would be trail related and does not have to be on the river. **Jane Hamman** provided some funding background in the bill. **CHAIRMAN MCCANN** requested a list of projects that are under consideration. **Clint blackwood** stated it is in the packet (**EXHIBIT 1**), the map has a list of projects at the center bottom.

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Arnie Olsen, Director, Montana Historical Society, reviewed the packet and the projects that are included in this request. The items on the right side are in the order of the projects in the bill and the items on the left are generic informational pamphlets. **SEE EXHIBIT 1**

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MR. OLSEN CONTINUED HIS EXPLANATION OF THE PACKET

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Mary Ann Fraley, representing Deer Lodge, Powell County Progress Economic Development Corporation, discussed Deer Lodge and its economic importance to Powell County; the importance of historic sites; and what the town has accomplished in planning for the future.

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Aidan Myhre, Montana Innkeepers Association, discussed the background of the bed tax, the importance of historic sites and how it benefits innkeepers.

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Patti Anderson, of Buffalo Bed & Breakfast, representing the Montana Bed & Breakfast Association, spoke of the importance of maintaining historic sites; many bed & breakfast businesses are

restored historical sites. They are already receiving requests for the Lewis & Clark Centennial celebration from their customers.

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Amy Sullivan, representing the Montana Tourism Coalition, in support of HB 16. The Coalition is made up of 34 organizations.

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Jeanette McKee, President of the Daly Mansion Preservation Trust & Chairman of the Montana Heritage Commission, discussed the positive effect HB 16 would bring to the historic community.

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Steve Platt, Vice President, Montana Archeological Society, spoke in favor of HB 16.

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Carol Swanson, Glendive, spoke in favor of HB 16; discussed the importance of funding and that historic sites bring income to Montana.

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Rich Clough, Chief of Operations for Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP), spoke in support of HB 16 and provided a copy of his testimony. **EXHIBIT(jlh25a06)**

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Dale Waniata, History Teacher, is working on a teacher's website with funding from OPI and is in support of HB 16.

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MR. WANIATA CONTINUED HIS TESTIMONY

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Bob Morgan, citizen, spoke of his background with the Historical Society; working with them for over 50 years doing various duties from exhibit designer, museum chief, acting director, member of Museum Foundation Board and appointed by Gov. Racicot as a member to the Board of Trustees. He stated the importance of this bill

for the Historical Society to continue. He discussed his work with the Society from the early days of having only 13 display cases. One of the exhibits of mineral collections was sent to Boulder, which later was sold and there was evidently \$16,000.00 of gold in the collection! He discussed other interesting stories related to collections from the early days.

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Mary Alice Chester, self/volunteer/guide, spoke in favor of HB 16 and the importance of Montana's history.

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Colin Matthews, owner of The Roadmaster Grille, provided a copy of his testimony in favor of HB 16. **EXHIBIT(jlh25a07)**

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Jim Glantz, self/citizen, spoke in favor of HB 16, worked in procuring material for the Garnet Ghost Town.

Doug Monger, Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP), spoke in favor of HB 16.

Mary Oliver, Montana Heritage Commission, spoke in favor of HB 16 and the impact on the educational field.

Clint Blackwood presented a letter of testimony from **Betty Stone** who spoke in favor of HB 16 and the economic impact to Montana. **EXHIBIT(jlh25a08)**

Kathy Macefield, Montana Preservation Alliance, spoke in favor of HB 16 and how those visiting Montana would contribute through the bed tax.

Doug Mackett, Virginia City, representing property owners, discussed the state's responsibility as part owner and the need for a sewer system.

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

REP. KASTEN questioned the repayment program. **REP. SOMERVILLE** referred to page 3 of the fiscal note. He also provided a handout of Miscellaneous Taxes-Lodging Facility Use Tax.

EXHIBIT(jlh25a09) **SEN. TESTER** questioned the fiscal note, pg. 4, paragraph 19. **Jane Hamman** clarified the loss. **SEN. TESTER** questioned if they would sell bonds. **Arnie Olsen** stated better to borrow and pay back. **SEN. TESTER** questioned the bill being put on the ballot. **REP. SOMERVILLE** stated the Governor would not sign unless it would go to the people for a vote; he would also include a tax credit to Montanans. **SEN. TESTER** questioned the cost to Department of Revenue to refund those tax credits. **REP. SOMERVILLE** did not have a response. **CHAIRMAN MCCANN** stated the need to provide for all tourism and not just the select few covered in this bill; he also questioned where the previous granted funds were spent. **REP. SOMERVILLE** stated he would get that information for the committee. Further information was provided by **Anna Marie Moe, Department of Commerce-Tourism** and **Jeff Tiberi, Montana Heritage Commission**.

Closing By Sponsor:

REP. SOMERVILLE commented on the impact the bill would have on the State of Montana; that he would provide the requested information prior to Executive Action; the importance of maintenance when owning historical sites; and that the Historical Museum needs to be near the capitol.

The meeting adjourned.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:11 A.M.

REP. MATT MCCANN, Chairman

ANDREA HYATT, Secretary

MM/AH

EXHIBIT(jlh25a10) Hal Stearns, Montana Lewis & Clark
Bicentennial, written testimony.

EXHIBIT(jlh25a11) Darla Bruner, President, Museums Association of
Montana, written testimony and booklet entitled "Impact of
Museums on Montana's Economy and Community".

EXHIBIT(jlh25aad)